THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PAR LIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No. Sir. **All** the pro posals for sponsored serials received prior to 7-5-86, when registration for furthe'r serials was closed have al. ready been examined and decision taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. **All** Assam students **union plea**

263. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All Assam Students Union had made a plea to Government to scrap the Illegal Immigrants Act, 1983;

(b) if so, what grounds have been Edduced by AASU in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED); (a) Yes Sir: All Assam Students' Union have requested for repealin theg Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act, 1983.

(b) All Assam Students' Union are of the view that the provisions of this Act have not been effective in facilitating detection and expulsion of Illegal Migrants.

(c) The proposal is being examined.

Message of special envoy of Pakistan

264. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special envoy of the Pakistani Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister visited New Delhi in January this year; and

(b) if so, what was the precise message brought by the envoy and what specific issues were discussed with them and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Special Envoy Ambassador Abdul Sattar delivered a letter to Prime Minister from Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto expressing desire to normalise relations between the two countries. These sentiments were duly reciprocated.

During the visit of Ambassador Abdul Sattar and Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, our concern at Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activities directed against India in Jammu & Kashmir was suitably conveyed. It was reiterated that Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of India, and any interference in our internal affairs would be unacceptable. The Simla Agreement, which is the bedrock of relations between the two countries expressly forbids the organisation, assistance or encouragement of any acts detrimental to the maintenance of peaceful and harmonious relations.

Bilateral relations between the two countries were reviewed and it was agreed that discussions would continue at all levels, including the Defence, Home and Water Resources Secretaries, to tackle pending problems. It was also agreed that the India-Pakistan Joint Commission may meet in. the first half of 1990.

Committee to evaluate the performance and working of O-dot

265. PROF. **C.** LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Committee has been set up to evaluate the performance and the working of C-DOT; if so, what are the terms of reference and the personnel of the Cornmittee and whether the Committee has submitted its